



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Allen Dean Mammel  
Serial No.: 09/398,987  
Filing Date: September 17, 1999  
Group Art Unit: 3643  
Examiner: Rowan, K.  
Title: No-Tie Fishing System and Method

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Dear Sir:

**Response To Election/Restriction Requirement and**  
**Response To Office Action**

In response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2000 (Paper No. 9),  
Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejections of the Claims in